

REMARKS

Claims 14-19 and 23-45 are pending in the Application. Claims 1-13 and 20-22 have been canceled without prejudice. No new matter has been added. Entry of the amendment is respectfully requested. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Claim Status

Claim 7 stands objected.

Claims 1-13 and 20-22 stand rejected as obvious over Do (U.S. 6,508,397).

Claims 14-19 stand objected to but allowable if rewritten in an independent form.

Claims 23-43 stand allowed.

The Amendments

As claims 1-13 and 20-22 have been canceled, the objection to claim 7 and the rejection of claims 1-13 and 20-22 is moot.

Claim 14 was written into an independent form. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that claims 14-19 are now allowable.

Claim 44 recites combined features from previous claims 1, 7, and 20 which patentably distinguish the claim from the prior art of record.

Claim 45 recites patentably distinguishing features from allowed claim 27.

Applicants respectfully submit that all pending claims 14-19 and 23-45 are allowable and that the application is in condition for allowance.

The Applicants respectfully disagree with the pending rejections. Nevertheless, claims have been canceled or amended herein to advance prosecution. Applicants reserve all rights to file another application (e.g., a divisional application) relating to any canceled or amended claim.

Claim Fees

Applicants have previously paid for six (6) independent claims. Six (6) independent claims remain pending.

Applicants have previously paid for forty-three (43) total claims. Twenty-nine (29) total claims remain pending.

Thus, no claim fee is deemed required. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any necessary fee associated with this Response and any other fee due to Deposit Account 09-0428.

Conclusion

Allowance of all of Applicants' pending claims is respectfully requested. The undersigned will be happy to discuss any aspect of the Application by telephone at the Examiner's convenience.

Respectfully submitted,



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